

November 3, 2015

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Peterson, Fliehs, Opp, Blackmun, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, Shawn Lambertz, Stacy Mayou and representatives of the 3 newspapers. McGannon was absent.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Fliehs and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

The financial report was approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by Glover and seconded by Peterson. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll	484.85	salaries
Administrative Payroll	6,154.89	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	14,161.61	salaries
Public Works Payroll	17,057.59	salaries
1st State Bank	7,586.17	ss & wh
City of Groton	280.87	dep ref, postage, util, bks
US Post Office	207.81	postage
Consolidated Fed Cr Union	975.00	emp savings
Office of Child Support	344.31	emp child support
Jennifer Hunnel	53.98	deposit refund
Paul Kosel	17.33	med flex
A & B Business	50.69	ribbons
Buhls	31.70	rug rent
Chase Visa	549.08	motels, postage, bks, supplies
Chiefs Supply	102.99	boots
Dakota Electronics	33.80	repairs
Dakota Press	1,128.95	publishing
Galls	67.12	wedges
Groton Independent	365.93	publishing
Harry Implement	974.88	repairs
HD Supply	21.90	grease
Heartland Waste	6,219.46	garbage hauling
Terry Herron	100.00	med flex
James Valley Tele	632.08	phone, internet
Drew Johnson	1,475.00	legal services
Kay's Computing	119.49	repairs
Paul Kosel	174.56	med flex
NW Energy	11.69	nat gas
Jackson Oliver	200.00	training
S & S Lumber	423.54	supplies
SD Dept of Health	30.00	testings
SD Retirement	8,233.12	retirement
SD Rural Water Assoc	600.00	vac rent
Share Corp	215.96	cleaner, deodorizers
St Paul Stamp Works	113.54	dog tags
Verizon Wireless	41.61	comm
WEB Water	13,408.11	water
Wells Fargo Securites	8,182.00	06 C&G payment

Department reports were given. Herron, Zerr, Lambertz, and Mayou reported about on-going projects and repairs. Employees and Council members were given tips on dealing with difficult people.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to accept the bid from Groton Ford for \$3,784.48 to repair the 2012 Tahoe transmission. All members present voted aye.

Tree trimming around power service lines was discussed. Letters will be sent to property owners for permission to go on private property. More clarification on service line ownership for repairs and replacement was discussed.

Sewer charges, especially in apartment houses, that are affected by running toilets were discussed. Ordinance requirements of presentation of plumbing bills will remain in effect.

A letter from WAPA was read which keeps electric power rates the same for 2016.

The Heartland Consumer Power District meeting on Nov 18 will be held at the Groton American Legion. Electric rates will be reviewed at the next meeting to determine if a raise is needed when Heartland's rate raise is better understood.

Strict enforcement of shut off for delinquent utility bills was discussed.

A request to have skating warming house employees sell Silver Skates Carnival merchandise was denied. Forms will be made available.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to authorize Finance Officer to sign the Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield contract for Dec 15-Dec 16 which reduces the premium by 9.29%.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to adjourn into executive session at 8:00 to discuss personnel issues. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 8:48pm.

Dan Sunne has completed his probationary period. Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to raise Dan Sunne salary to \$30/hr as electric lineman. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer